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A PURER WATER SUPPLY.

The Sanitary Commission has looked over the Nuuanu reservoir and talked of possible infection from that source. Surface water in the tropics has its perils; the reservoir is in touch with vegetation and drains a highway; boys swim in a stream that feeds it; the main body is easy to contaminate, for the watchman is neglectful. Indeed Dr. Currie considers the reservoir a potential menace to the health of the town, though the commission as a whole looks upon the danger as remote. However, the active and latent conditions have served to bring out Marston Campbell's plan to use the Nuuanu water supply simply as a source of power for electric pumps to raise artesian water to a point where it can be distributed for drinking purposes, and it is possible that this enterprise will be taken up seriously.

The cost of it, however, would be immense. There would have to be a double system of water mains, one to carry irrigation and fire department supplies, one to deliver household water, and mains besides to carry up the artesian water pumped to some new distributing reservoir. Then there must be more artesian wells and more pumps and a lot of machinery. It is easy to see a million dollars or more disappear in the furtherance of such a plan.

Is there no cheaper way to get pure drinking water from Nuuanu? What about a filtration plant, costing a hundred thousand dollars or less? Is not that as practicable as it was when Governor Carter thought so well of it? Filtration on a large scale has become so perfect that even sewer water can be made fit to drink—clear, sparkling and pure. Of course for poisonous matter in solution, filtration won't do; it only answers for poison in suspension. But there need be no fear of the former, the things we are to guard against being conditions from which a filtering system could adequately protect the public. Nobody is going to put soluble poisons into the town's drinking supply, and if somebody wanted to he could get at an artesian distributing reservoir as easily as any other.

VACUUM STREET CLEANERS.

The hint given by Chief Thurston that the purchase of motor fire engines is being considered is a sign of progress which we should like to see followed by favorable action on the purchase of vacuum street-cleaners also.

In all large cities of the mainland and Europe the vacuum house-cleaner has proved its way. There is no more effective and speedy device to rid a building of its dust. Now comes the application of the same principle to streets, where, it is said, the work is thoroughly done, to the marked advantage of sanitation.

The last number of The Literary Digest, contains details which we quote, as follows:

"The broom-and-shovel method of dust removal now in general use is unsatisfactory, resulting (to a considerable degree) in stirring up the dust rather than in taking it away. It is believed that there are but two efficient methods for taking away the dust. The first of these is through flushing, by means of the ordinary hose, or by the use of high-pressure flushing-machines and brushes or squeegees, as recommended by Commissioner Edwards. This results in carrying the dirt to the gutters and to some extent into the sewers, which have to be protected by proper screening. Even so it is probable that a considerable amount of detritus is washed into the sewers, necessitating costly cleaning operations. And the wetting of the streets makes them slippery and dangerous alike for horses, and automobiles, and consumes a large amount of precious drinking-water, as the contaminated river water is unsuitable for this purpose.

"The second method is by means of automobile suction-cleaners. The writer has long advocated the use of these, and is convinced that one of the type represented in the illustration would be effective. A large, strong automobile is necessary, with horse-power not only for its own propulsion, but to run revolving brushes and fans, or other suction apparatus sufficiently powerful to take up all the matter thrown up by the brushes—dust, dry horse manure, small bits of paper, or similar material that might legitimately collect in the streets. The dust loosened by the brushes is carried by suction into a large bin, to be emptied later on. This method would be available on all the smoothly paved streets during the greater portion of the year. Similar machines are now in successful operation in Berlin, Vienna, and other cities. The initial cost of such equipment would be large, but it is likely that in the end a considerable saving to the city would result. Even if the cost should prove greater than at present, the end accomplished would more than justify the expense incurred.

"It is desirable that that portion of the city streets traversed by the trolleys should be cleaned by them. Suction-cleaning cars could readily be constructed which would take up the dust between the rails and beyond to a distance of eighteen or twenty inches."

Honolulu's street cleaning is now done politically and as a result the streets are dirty all the time except after a rain. Gangs of "voters," who are good for little else, stir up the dust and set it flying. One vacuum cleaner would do more work than a hundred of them. It will be interesting to see which method the supervisors finally conclude upon, providing they take up the question at all.

THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER.

Honolulu, T. H., June 1, 1911.

Editor Star:—In yesterday's issue of the Star, under a "sensational" headline, you stated: "Prime Minister Hughes of Australia stands for a mere faction of Irish Catholics."

And those who would cut the painter are mostly followers of Henry George and Cardinal Moran.

The Star is a paper of standing and influence in this Territory. Its editorials are keen, crisp and virile, and consequently if such statements as those just quoted were permitted to go unchallenged it would be a grave injustice to the persons named.

The above statements are intensely human and notwithstanding the fact that they are made without malice, nevertheless they violate every sense of justice and fair play.

Cardinal Moran, honored by the English Government and respected wherever Britain's flag flies, after growing old in the service of his church and country, it ill becomes his loyalty to be questioned by an American editor of a Honolulu paper.

As to Prime Minister Hughes' standing for a mere faction of Irish Catholics, is this charge not somewhat absurd when we consider that the great majority of the people in Australia are of English blood? I doubt very much if Hughes is either Irish or Catholic. If he is, then he must be a man of indomitable courage, exceptional attainments and unquestionable loyalty to the Crown.

Respectfully yours,

J. A. H.

The Star spoke of the acting Prime Minister of Australia as representing "a mere faction of Australia, Irish Catholics and Labor Socialists chiefly," in the same spirit that it would have described the faction as one of "American Protestants and Union Labor men," if that had been the case. As to the accuracy of the editorial statements made, it may be said that the Star has Australian gentlemen on its writing staff who keep it in touch with the politics of the Commonwealth, and their special knowledge was drawn upon yesterday. Concerning the impulses of Prime Minister Hughes, the explanation was given in the Star's editorial that he was a Henry George man, which indicated that, while he stood for the separatist policy of Irish Roman Catholics and Labor Socialists, his personal identification was with the latter. As for Cardinal Moran, Australians know very well that his influence is for "cutting the painter" and the Australian Irish Catholics would be sorry if it were not. It does not seem that, in this state of mind, he is making new and unsanctified precedents. Were not the Irish cardinals sepa-

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

I'm growing old. The fact forlorn brings to my eyes the tears. The music of the dinner horn no longer charms my ears. I'm summoned to the groaning board, and go with dragging feet and languidly I take my sword and carve the fragrant meat. I nibble at the stately roast, I care not for the hash; I am not hungry for the toast, the eggs or succotash. And when I've eaten something hot my stomach breaks its shills, and ties itself into a knot and makes demands for pills. Ah me! Ah you! Ah Richard Roe! I full of yearnings am for dear, dead days of long ago, when I could eat a ham! When I was young my appetite was equal to the fray; I ate all day and dreamed all night of grub that got away. And when I heard the brass horn's screams that called to meat and pie, I vaulted over trees and streams, and fences eight feet high. No longer comfort do I find in dinner trumpet's blare; nor do I with contented mind discuss the bill of fare.

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WALT MASON.

ratists in home politics up to the time the Pope interfered with the Land League, or, if not, did they ever rebuke the proposition?

ANOTHER FAKED CABLEGRAM.

While the Star sees no reason to go further with its examination of the library dispatches in the morning paper, it deems it a duty to say that the Bulletin's so-called "Associated Press Cable" yesterday, headed "Will Proceed Against Sugar—Department of Justice Announces Intention to Begin Action Soon," was built up in its office, no such cablegram appearing in the identical service enjoyed by the Star.

The tangible basis for the so-called cablegram is to be found in the concluding lines of the dispatch about the testimony of Attorney General Wickersham before a Congressional committee, as follows:

The Attorney General declared that, following the decisions of the Supreme Court, the trusts would be prosecuted.

The Star printed this in its proper place and in its proper form. The Attorney General in his mental processes may have included the sugar trust among the ones to be prosecuted, but he did not say so. Hence the Bulletin's attempt to deceive its readers in the following falsified "cablegram":

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—It was announced today by the Department of Justice that the American Sugar Refining Company, commonly known as the "sugar trust," will be prosecuted, following the decision of the Supreme Court in the cases against the Standard Oil and tobacco trusts.

The sugar trust is now the subject of an investigation to be based on a resolution introduced by Representative Hardwick of Georgia.

The Bulletin cannot produce any such dispatch other than the few lines quoted, which simply say: "The Attorney General declared that, following the decisions of the Supreme Court, the trusts would be prosecuted." It had nothing else, and it cannot show anything attested by the cable office, to prove the contrary. It stands convicted again, as in the invented details of the Dreamland dispatch, of trying to fool its public.

How do cablegram readers like to have the Associated Press news doctored? If they don't like it, the Star is at hand to relieve them with the news as it comes to both afternoon papers, and with the subscription list wide open.

As the Prime Minister of Australia began life by tinkering umbrellas, he can easily get ready to shelter himself from the storm he has raised.

It must be remembered in accounting for Queen Alexandra's absence from the coronation that she is not only a dowager but a mother-in-law.

If Russians are willing to work, by all means get more of them, especially if the professional politicians object.

The plea for bathing in the harbor ought to be sustained by a petition from the undertakers.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL LINDSAY—Our department gives free advice to the poor and needy when they are referred to us by the Governor or by a department head.

FRED HARRISON—The grating referred to by Link McCandless as covering a pool of water is not before the King street structure which I built, but one next door. I had nothing to do with the grating.

CAPT. PAUL SMITH—The editorial in yesterday's Star on the perpetuation of the G. A. R. was, in my opinion an excellent one. The local condition of the organization today will be its national condition in all too few years.

INSPECTOR GIBSON—School matters brought to the attention of the Department of Education are not lost sight of or allowed to drop. They may rest quiescent for a while but from

time to time they come up for purposes of discussion and comparison.

C. B. WILSON—Assistant Chief Deering's ill temper and mudslinging does not alter the cold facts, more especially when the interviewer was a newspaperman, a veteran volunteer fireman of this city, and an eyewitness to what happened on King street.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF DEERING—This morning I was told that in Sydney, N. S. W. the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, as the fire department is called there, has a system whereby traffic for about one hundred yards on either side of the station house is notified by the continuous ringing of a bell that the engines are turning out. This is an excellent idea, and one that I would like to see adopted here, for then there would be absolutely no danger of a collision as the trucks, etc., come out on to the road.

"Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

It will be no stretch of the imagination to say that Sunstar, winner of the Epsom Derby, "flashed" past the post.

Judging from reports there would appear to be another Richmond in the field.

The cricket season starts on Saturday. Pass the tea, please, Fanny!

Honolulu can hardly be called a short-sited city.

According to the morning paper ex-Governor Carter patted the supervisors last night. Whether the city solons showed their appreciation of this kind act by grunting or purring

the paper neglects to state. Why doesn't some one swat them?

When the dragon-flies like airships

"Cross the sunset sky go flying,

It's a sign that in the morning

There'll be flying-fish a-frying:

Puhikaa loves the pinao.

For the latter is his friend,

And when he's shoreward coming,

Word by him will always send.

Last night the pinaos sailed in fleets

Across the orange sky.

Today in sweet limu ilpoa

Fat puhikila lie;

So put the nets in the old canoe,

And when the day is dawning

Let's steal away o'er the pearly sea

And heed the pinaos' warning.

According to reports Kalihiwaena school's Law might be improved upon.

Quite a number of fruit shippers have in the past been bitten by the alligator pear.

Dan Logan, the Nestor of the local press, commenting on an allusion to the escaped loan, which was made in this column last Saturday, declared that there is an animal called the loan, and that it is a species of wild-cat which is found in the highlands of Scotland. Later he cleverly qualified this statement by saying that he was thinking of a loach, a diminutive fresh-water fish. Be that as it may, we can trace a distinct connection between a loan and a wild-cat (scheme).

It is learned on good authority that Kappelmeister Berger is working on a new composition to be called "The Clean-Up March." Several novel instruments will be used by the members of the band during its rendition, including silver dustpans and brass garbage-cans, which, operated on in the place of drums and cymbals, will give a striking air of reality to the performance.

What is so near-rare-clear-dear-fair-queer as a day in June?

When Motor Officer Chilton has a few minutes to spare from his zealous prosecution of furious auto-drivers, he might do worse than discover and arrest the perpetrator of the following crime which came to hand in this morning's mail:

There was a poet named Ayres Whose lyre was attuned to his prayers;

Not a sigh nor a curse Interlarded his verse

Wherewith he smoothed over earth's cayres.

June-bugs dancin' round the lamp-light,

Everything the weddin' march's tune,

White pants gittin' in a picnic tart—

That's the way of June!

Fine Job Printing at Star Office.

BY AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION.

No. 508.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, that the following sums amounting to TEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$10,450.00) are hereby appropriated out of all moneys in the General Fund of the Treasury of the City and County of Honolulu for salaries, wages of labor and general expenses of the said City and County:

Salaries fixed by law \$ 500.00

City and County Physician, Payroll 225.00

Corner's Inquest 150.00

Maintenance of Police Force, Purchase of Automobiles, 2,700.00

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, HONOLULU DISTRICT:

Prospect Street... \$ 300.00

Jones Street, Manoa 350.00

Kalihi Road, Kalihi, Repairs 1,875.00

Kalihi Road Ditch, Storm Drain 400.00

King St., Widening, Ewa of Kamehameha IV Road 1,000.00

Puuhale Road, Moakua, Clearing and Rolling 250.00

Nuuanu-Pali Road, Oiling 700.00

Ninth Avenue, Kaimuki, Repairs 700.00

Makiki and Puna-hou Districts, Oiling 1,000.00 \$6,575.00

Reconstruction of Band-stand, Public Baths, Waikiki 300.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect upon its approval.

Introduced by Supervisor Eben P. Low.

Honolulu, May 16, 1911.

APPROVED this 1st day of June, A. D. 1911.

JOSEPH J. FERN, Mayor.

A public meeting will be held to-morrow night in the Assembly Hall of the Board of Supervisors to consider the proposed building and sanitary ordinances.

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Kaimuki, 9th ave	2	35.00
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